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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 628  
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A RESOLUTION to support the National Union of American Families and its efforts to improve the quality of life for families.

WHEREAS, the making of a crisis exists in today's society; this crisis affects Tennesseans, in general, and African Americans in particular; and

WHEREAS, the members of African American communities are not exempt from today's social ills and lack of adequate economic progress; and

WHEREAS, citizens of African American communities throughout the state are thus affected by the ills and/or the well-being of those communities; and

WHEREAS, collective bargaining and unionizing the workplace have effected a more equitable distribution of America's bountifulness and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the unionization of this state's communities, with the family unit composing the most important part of its membership, and the use of collective bargaining, would enhance the quality of life of the family unit, and would thus enrich and provide security for families and our individual communities; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this General Assembly hereby expresses its support of the National Union of American Families (NUAF) and its efforts to establish local community unions in every state legislative district in Tennessee and urges all Tennesseans to participate in this worthy project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we endorse and support the principle of collective bargaining as the NUAF's method of enhancing the quality of life of the family unit, thereby guaranteeing assistance to families in keeping more of the dollars they earn.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we support NUAF service centers and informational and educational components that ensure full participation of all citizens in the electoral process, thereby defeating the present trend of a government of the rich and powerful and special interests, by the rich and powerful and special interests, and for the rich and powerful and special interests, thus returning the government to we the people, by we the people, and for we the people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we support and encourage members of the African American community to become active in establishing the NUAF in their respective communities, by serving as local union section chairpersons or stewards, by serving their family and their community, and by establishing the base to improve the quality of life of families throughout Tennessee and the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this General Assembly will assist in establishing local community unions by identifying citizens, in whatever district they reside, to defend and protect those hard-fought-for gains and benefits enjoyed by citizens, in general, and African Americans, in particular.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this General Assembly endorses and supports the NUAF in its efforts to create an environment that focuses on full citizen participation in government, voter education and voter registration on a non-partisan basis.